

wherein n= 3 to 12 and X is Cl, I, Br, F, or H

wherein said aromatic diamidine is hexamidine diisethionate.

Comments:

To recap the current status of the instant application, the application was subject to a restriction requirement between Claims 1 - 16 (product) and Claims 17 - 20 (method). Applicants elected with traverse to prosecute Claims 1 - 16. Claims 17 - 20 stand cancelled without prejudice as claims non-elected for prosecution. The Examiner rejects Claims 1 - 3, 5, 7 - 12, 15, and 16. Applicants are cancelling Claims 1 - 3, 5, 7 - 12, 15, and 16 without prejudice.

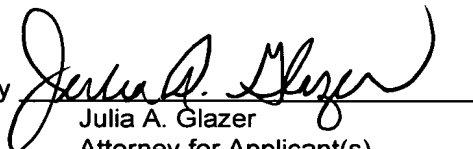
The Examiner indicates that Claims 4, 6, 13, and 14 are allowable if rewritten in independent form to include all of the limitations of the base claim and any intervening claims. Claims 4, 6, 13, and 14 have been rewritten as suggested by the Examiner. Hence, as all rejections and objections to the claims have been overcome, Applicants respectfully request the Examiner to allow all claims remaining in the instant application.

SUMMARY

Applicants gratefully acknowledge the Examiner's finding of allowable subject matter in Claims 4, 6, and 13 - 14. These Claims have been rewritten to overcome the Examiner's objections. As all rejections and objections have been overcome, Applicants respectfully request the Examiner to allow the claims remaining in the instant application.

Respectfully submitted,

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